



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 479**

February Session, 2016

Substitute Senate Bill No. 398

*Senate, April 5, 2016*

The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. HARTLEY, J. of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### ***AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT TRANSITIONS IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) Not later than January 1, 2017, the  
2      Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in  
3      consultation with the Labor Commissioner, shall submit a report on  
4      the transition of former casino employees to employment in other job  
5      sectors, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
6      general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General  
7      Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce. Such  
8      report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) An analysis of the  
9      impact of casino job losses on the workforce in eastern Connecticut; (2)  
10     an examination of the availability of industry sectors in eastern  
11     Connecticut into which former casino employees may gain  
12     employment, including, but not limited to, the advanced  
13     manufacturing and health care fields; (3) the type and amount of  
14     training necessary for transition into such industry sectors; (4) the

15 existing resources in eastern Connecticut for former casino employees  
16 to obtain such training; and (5) recommendations for any additional  
17 training resources or changes in career coaching the commissioner  
18 deems necessary to aid the transition to such industry sectors.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
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**CE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill does not result in a fiscal impact by requiring the Department of Economic and Community Development in consultation with the Department of Labor (DOL) to analyze the impact of casino job losses in eastern Connecticut and the transition of affected workers into other industries.

It is anticipated that DOL's Office of Research has the necessary data and information required to complete this analysis.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 1 (03/17/2016)